Survey on indebtedness levels in rural and urban households

2078. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 59th Round Survey by National Samples Survey Organisation has revealed growing indebtedness levels both in rural and urban households in the country;

(b) whether the survey has revealed that the OBC household category has the highest incidence of indebtedness rates both in rural and urban India at 28.9 per cent and 21.00 per cent respectively, closely followed by SC category at 27 per cent and 19 per cent respectively; and

(c) whether the OBC and SC households depend on agricultural moneylenders and professional moneylenders rather than seeking institutional credit sources?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The incidence of indebtedness for OBC household category is 28.9 and 21.2% for rural and urban areas respectively. The incidence of indebtedness for SC category is 27.1 and 19.2 for rural and urban areas respectively.

(c) In rural areas, 16.5% SC households and 15.7% of OBC households reported borrowing from Non-Institutional Credit Agency as against 4.7% and 8.9% respectively from Institutional Credit Agency. Similarly, in urban areas 12.9% of SC households and 14.5% of OBC households reported borrowing from Non-Institutional Credit Agency as against 5.4% and 6.6% respectively from Institutional Credit Agency.

Reconstitution of National Commission for Scheduled Castes

2079. SHRI K. B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to reconstitute the National Commission for Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of members are presently in National Commission for Scheduled Castes; and